

Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 13-19 is designated as National Crime Victims' Rights Week to honor victims, their families, and those that serve them. This year's theme is "Justice for *Victims*. Justice for *All*".

The Montana Board of Crime Control has secured a grant from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) in the amount of \$9,500.00 to fund Crime Victims' Rights Week activities. MBCC has partnered with the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Corrections Crime Victims' Advisory Council to implement statewide activities.

To leverage media coverage Montana has chosen to delay the kickoff until Monday, April 14 in the rotunda of the Capitol. At this time Attorney General Mike McGrath will recognize the Advocates of the Year. Sheriff Liedle from Lewis and Clark County will discuss community policing and how her agency assists crime victims. Guest speaker Derek VanLuchene will share his tragic story. Organizations that provide assistance to victims of crime will have booths set up to provide education to the public on available resources and the rights of victims.

Statewide activities include community cleanup projects during the remainder of the week. Graffiti on the main business street in downtown Hardin will be removed and city parks in Dillon will be restored. Local elected officials will discuss crime victims' rights in their communities and service providers will also be available to discuss local resources. Other projects are currently being designated.

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